GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:629
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
DEMAND OF CNG/LNG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering special package to cope up with the increasing demand of CNG and LNG;

(b) if so, whether the various State Governments including Maharashtra have urged for Special quota of CNG gas;

(c) if so, the present status thereof;

(d) whether due to short supplies by GAIL, various industries including Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers are suffering;

(e) whether the Government have decided to frame any policy for short supply of CNG/LNG to industries;

(f) if so, the present status of short supply;

(g) whether any new proposal to increase the gas production including LNG/CNG has been considered; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 629 ANSWER ON 09.05.2002 REGARDING DEMAND OF CNG/LNG.

(a) to (h) To meet the increasing demand of natural gas, steps such as import of liquified natural gas (LNG) and speeding up of indigenous exploration/exploitation of domestic hydrocarbon resources have been initiated. Allocation of natural gas for supply to the transport sector as compressed natural gas (CNG) to any state is dependent on the availability of natural gas andinfrastructure for distribution. The supply of gas to various industries including Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers in Maharashtra has been reduced on account of declining production in the ONGC`s fields supplying gas at Uran. The industries to which gas allocation is made, are required to have dual fuel capacity as per the terms of the contract. In case of short supply of gas, pro-rata cut is generally effected on the consumers but priority is given to power projects and fertilizer units. As against the present allocation of 16.6 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas ex-Uran, the present gas availability is only around 8.3 MMSCMD.